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rent week must be in hand not later than
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1891.

HIGHER CRITICISM.

While Christians of many denomina-
tions are becoming exercised because
some of the Professors in their theologi-
cal seminaries are trying to prove that
there are serious errors in the Bible, and
that Moses made some big mistakes, it
is refreshing to come across such an
article as that which we print in another
column on "The Higher Criticism and
Archæology."

Biblia, from which we make the ex-
tract, is a "monthly journal devoted to
Biblical Archaeology and Oriental Re-
search," and is the only publication in
the United States which has this end in
view. It gives the results of the latest
researches in Oriental lands, particu-
larly Egypt, Palestine and Syria. At-
tention is also paid to Classical and Medi-
æval Archaeology and reviews of new
books in this line. Sketches and por-
traits of great explorers are regularly
given, and readers may feel that they
are constantly up-to-date with the ex-
plorations.

Biblia is published in Meriden, Conn.,
by Dr. Charles H. S. Davis, an able en-
thusiast in the work.

The paper called *Brooklyn Life* has
made an ingenious discovery which *The
Woman About Town* now sets before a
metropolitan public which would, per-
haps, otherwise have missed it alto-
gether. This discovery relates to the
Biblical authority for the Four Hundred
and their leader, and also sets forth cer-
tain other warning facts which ought to
interest this modern Theudas and his
Four Hundred. In the fifth chapter of
Acts, the thirty-sixth verse reads thus:
"For before these days rose up Theudas,
boasting himself to be somebody, to
whom a number of men, about four
hundred, joined themselves; who were
slain; and all, as many as obeyed him,
were scattered and brought to naught."

Greenwood Lake Glens.

The Odd Fellows' excursion to Green-
wood Lake Glens on Friday of next week
promises to be a decided success, it be-
ing the only excursion of the season to
this delightful mountain lake. The com-
mittee in charge have made every ar-
rangement, both at the lake and with
the railroad company, necessary for the
comfort and pleasure of their guests.
A band of music will accompany the
party and provide dancing music at the
Casino Pavilion for those who enjoy this
healthful pleasure. Fishing at the lake
is now excellent, and anglers can secure
all necessary bait, lines, boats, etc., at
very low rates. Tickets are on sale at
Wood's drug-store, and can also be had
from Chas. M. Lockwood and Harry
Cooper, or may be purchased on the
train at 75 cents each.

Bitten by a Dog.

Fred Roberts, the twelve-year-old son
of William Roberts of Glenwood Avenue,
who is a newspaper carrier, was badly
bitten in the leg by a dog belonging to
Mr. Hankins in Montgomery while de-
livering papers Thursday afternoon.
The wound was dressed by Dr. Ward,
who said he thought it was not danger-
ous, as the dog was not mad.

Moffat's Business Directory.

The Moffat Co. have issued the first
volume of the Business Directory of the
city of Newark, the townships of Essex
County and Harrison and Kearny in
Hudson County. The book will be ap-
preciated by all who have felt the neces-
sity of a reliable work of this kind. It
should be in the possession of every
business man in the county.

Berkeley School Completed.

Architect Jones made a final inspec-
tion of the new Berkeley School building
on Tuesday, and pronounced the work
complete. The Trustees will now equip
the school with furniture in order to
have it ready for the September open-
ing.

The Baptist Young People.

A number of the Young People of the
Baptist Church attended the mid-sum-
mer evening rally of the Baptist Young
People's Union of New Jersey, at the
North Baptist Church, Newark, on
Friday evening.

Stole His Potatoes.

Rudolph Bruett's potato patch on
Orchard Street was visited on Thursday
night by thieves, who dug up and took
away several bushels of potatoes.

AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.

The Rev. Charles E. Knox will preach
both morning and evening at the First
Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

Westminster Presbyterian.

The Rev. Dr. S. D. Noyes of Kingston,
N. Y., will preach to-morrow in the West-
minster Presbyterian Church at 10.30
A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal.

Preaching as usual to-morrow at 10.30
A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at
noon. Epworth League Prayer Meeting
at 8.45 P. M.

Watessing Methodist Episcopal.

Preaching to-morrow, at 10.30 and 7.45.
Class meeting at noon. Sunday-school
at 2.30.

First Baptist.

The pastor, the Rev. C. A. Cook, will
occupy the pulpit both morning and
evening. Morning subject, "Power to
Do All Things." Evening subject, "Giv-
ing Up Self Life."

Glen Ridge Congregational.

To-morrow there will be the regular
services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. in
the Glen Ridge Congregational Church.
Preaching morning and evening by the
Rev. William Hayes Ward, D.D., LL.D.,
editor of the New York Independent.

Christ Episcopal.

Services to-morrow at Christ Epis-
copal Church, corner Liberty Street and
Austin Place: Holy Communion, 8.00 A.
M.; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10.30
A. M.; Sunday-school at 4 P. M.; Even-
ing Prayer, 5 P. M.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal.

The Rev. H. K. Bicker, formerly as-
sistant rector of Christ Church, will
officiate at St. Paul's, East Orange, to-
morrow. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30
P. M.

Death of Mrs. Albert H. Chester.

Mrs. Albert H. Chester, a sister of
Town Committeeman Robert S. Rudd,
died at Clinton, N. Y., on Saturday last.
The following obituary was published in
the Utica Herald on Monday:

"Many hearts and homes will be sad-
dened by the death of Mrs. Alethea Rudd
Chester, wife of Professor Albert H.
Chester of College Hill, in Clinton. Her
painful illness began more than two
years ago, and the fatal end came on
Saturday last at 2.30 P. M. Twenty-one
years ago Mrs. Chester came to Clinton,
with her only son, then a babe, and with
her husband who had accepted the chair
of chemistry in Hamilton College. She
left a large circle of relatives in New
York and Brooklyn, where her church
ties and social ties were very strong.
She was in vigorous health, a bright
minded, thoroughly cultivated woman,
and in hearty sympathy with the work
of her husband. Her home on College
Hill soon became an attractive centre of
gracious and delightful hospitality.

"After a few years a new home was
built, and this was made the visible ex-
pression of a heart in tune with what is
most beautiful in nature, in art, in litera-
ture, in music and in life. She loved
good books, and was familiar with the
original classics of Germany and France.
She was tenderly faithful in the dis-
charge of all filial, wifely and motherly
duties, while the claims of kindred were
sacred, her heart was quick to sympa-
thize with all forms of distress. Many
sufferers were relieved by her thought-
ful generosity, who never knew whence
the relief came—even in her long days
of agony and her long sleepless nights,
her thoughts were busy with plans for
helping the needy and suffering. St.
Luke's Hospital in Utica, has a perma-
nent memorial of her sympathy with the
unfortunate. By the aid of Christian
principles, Mrs. Chester knew how to
make the most of life and how to realize
its largest possibilities of enjoyment and
useful activity. She cherished to the
last her loyal affection for the Rev. T.
W. Chambers, her pastor in New York.

"The lessons of affection were wisely
heeded. Her faith in the life eternal
was made more real to her by the death,
in 1872, of her oldest brother, a brilliant
lawyer in New York, by the death of her
father, Joseph Rudd, and her brother-in-
law, Newton F. Whiting, both dying on
the same day in November, 1882, and
finally by the sudden death of her sister,
Mrs. Isaac J. Greenwood, in October,
1890.

"Her surviving brothers and sisters, who
were with her in her closing hours, are
Joseph Rudd of Brooklyn; Mrs. Newton
F. Whiting, Mrs. Thomas C. Wood and
Robert S. Rudd of Bloomfield. Mrs.
Chester will be buried in Woodlawn Cem-
etery, New York.

Loafers at the Glen Ridge Quarry.

Complaints are being made by parties
who pass the Glen Ridge Quarry Sunday
evenings of the large number of young
men who congregate at that point and
insult ladies by using vile language and
whistling after them. They manage to
get out of the way at the approach of
the police.

Paid His Own Expenses.

Chief T. Howell Johnson has returned
home from the Fire Chiefs' Convention
at Springfield, Mass., greatly refreshed
and instructed by his experiences. Out
of three hundred chiefs in attendance,
Chief Johnson was the only one who had
to defray his own expenses.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SUBJECTS THAT INTEREST MANY OF THE
PEOPLE OF BLOOMFIELD

The Path of Life.

BY ANNIE L. MAC KENNA.
A winding path adorned with fairest flowers,
Whose perfume fills the zephyrs of the air—
A path composed of all the countless hours
Directed toward the grave—and ending there.
Yet, every flower has, hidden 'neath its petals,
A cruel thorn to pierce our wayward feet.
Too oft that fragrance is a soothing poison,
A balm, the poets call—a bitter-sweet.
—GLEN RIDGE, August 13.

A Dream That Counted.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:
SIR: In the earlier history of the late
war of the rebellion, the favorite weap-
ons of many of the commanding Gener-
als appeared to be the pick and shovel,
and much it was to the discomfort and
blistered hands of the fighters. Gen.
Pope was not an exception to this rule.
In the spring of 1862, after the evacua-
tion of New Madrid and Island No.
10, the Army of Missouri had a short
season of rest preparatory to another
arduous river and mud campaign. As
was natural with the intelligent class of
men composing the Union armies, much
of the leisure time of the soldiers was
spent in discussing the operations of the
campaign just ended. The errors of
plans, the faults of execution, the suc-
cessful maneuvers, and the victories were
carefully reviewed and the seal of ap-
proval or disapproval set thereon. The
conclusion of most of the men was that
they would prefer doing more of their
fighting with powder and ball and less
with pick and shovel.

One morning a soldier of this class
claimed to have dreamed the night be-
fore that Gen. Pope had died and went
up to the gate of heaven, where, after
long and continued knocking on the
part of the General, the following con-
versation was had with the Angel Gab-
riel.

Gabriel (looking over the wall)—Who
comes here, whom have you here?
Gen. Pope—I, John Pope, Major Gen-
eral commanding the Department of
Missouri.

Gabriel—What do you wish?
Gen. Pope—I want to come in.

Gabriel—How do you expect to obtain
so great a benefit?

Gen. Pope—Maj. Gen. John Pope de-
sires to come in.

Gabriel—But you cannot gain admis-
sion here.

Gen. Pope—Why not?

Gabriel—You must go back to New
Madrid, get your pick and shovel, return
and take the place by regular siege.

It was astonishing how soon the story
of this dream was known throughout the
length and breadth of the army, and it
soon reached the General's ear at which
he had a hearty laugh. The men how-
ever, soon found less digging was done
at Gen. Pope's command than before.

Gen. Pope, though with many kindly
ways, had some rough ones. He was
often emphatic, and like many other
army officers, sometimes emphasized his
words with an oath.

About the time of the dream, an order
was issued to the Colonel commanding
the First Brigade to detail a guard and
team to go to Sikeston (the railroad sta-
tion) and bring over Maj. Kenzie of Chi-
cago (Uncle Sam's Paymaster) and his
money chest.

The corporal in command found the
Major and his chest, but with the long
distance and the rough roads, it was
nearly midnight when the General's head-
quarters were reached. Maj. Kenzie,
knowing the General to be short of funds
as well as most of his army, expected a
cordial greeting. But the General was
angry at being disturbed at so late an
hour, and the Major's surprise may be
judged, when, asking if he could have a
tent and guard for himself and valuables,
was met with the question, as roughly
put as the General knew how and pre-
fixed with an oath, "Do you think I
keep a United States boarding-house?"

Maj. Kenzie was not slow in giving the
order, "Drive on," and, when asked
where to, replied "Any where, only be
quick about it." The teamster natu-
rally started for his own quarters, and
when the passenger found he was in the
care of a squad of men of the regiment
of his friend, Col. Cummings, he desired
to be driven to his tent.

When the Colonel appeared, the Major
asked him how much farther he could
travel in an easterly direction, as he
wished to get as far from Gen. Pope as
possible. The Colonel informed him
but a few feet unless he wished to swim
the bayou to Island No. 10, and advised
him to content himself with a tent and
guard for the night where he was.

The offer was accepted, and the next
day instead of commencing with the
General commanding to pay the army,
for once the privates were the first to
receive their pay, and the Major General
the last one.

KINGSTON, N. Y., August 13.

The Thirtieth's Reception.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:
SIR: The matter of the reception of the
Thirtieth New Jersey Volunteers is a
question that naturally interests every
resident of the township. We want the
regiment to have a better time here
than they have ever had, or ever will
have, anywhere else. They deserve a
good time, and we are proud of the
record they made for themselves. Their
history is to a certain extent the history

of this patriotic town. The Finance
Committee are feeling of the general
pulse, and there is no question but what
they will get the amount they ask for.
No one need be afraid to subscribe too
liberally because should there be a
balance left in the hands of the Treasurer,
What a grand idea it would be to ap-
propriate that as the nucleus of a fund
for a Soldiers' Monument. Suggestions
are being made very liberally as to what
should be done and what should not, be
done by the Committee having the affair
in charge. It is not to be expected that
they will be free from making errors—
but of one thing we can feel assured
that they will give the regiment a re-
ception that will reflect credit upon the
town.

In extending invitations to gentlemen
to be present at the banquet, the Com-
mittee will naturally be governed very
much by the members of the regiment,
in which the question of politics, reli-
gion or of personalities will not enter.
That the whole affair may be an ever-
lasting and fragrant memory to "these
boys in blue" will be best conserved by
the cordiality of their greeting, the short
walk which we will give them to put
just a keen edge upon their appetites,
then the long dinner with just enough
speech-making thrown in so as not to
make it too tiresome.

Now there is no man in the United
States to-day who is a better after-
dinner talker than C. M. Depew, and,
besides, he wears the little bronze
button which the G. A. R. loves so well;
and that would make him welcome, if
nothing else did. Still there is no use
of getting into any general argument
on that score, as there would be very
little chance of the Committee getting
him, even if they had him in considera-
tion—which I doubt myself.

The matter in my judgment can be
very safely left in the hands of the
Committee, as it is pretty definitely
understood that this is to be a "Bloom-
field Reception," pure and simple, and
that means a good deal. The town has
wealth, it has an honest pride in itself,
a love for the boys who went out from
here in 1861, and, in addition to an over-
flow of patriotism, has a genuine spirit
of hospitality which, when once aroused
—as it is now—will not stop at anything
short of a grand success. Let us each
feel that the successful carrying out of
the programme depends upon us, and
do our "kicking" after it is all over. I
hope then no one will find any need for
"kicking." COFFEE COOLER.
BLOOMFIELD, August 13.

The Knights of Honor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT:
SIR: Old Excelsior Lodge is waking
up from its Rip Van Winkle sleep in
which it has been indulging in for a
few years, though the order has gone steadily
on and up. Last week she had several
applications for membership, and a new
life has taken hold of some of the dry
bones on the shelf.

A sick benefit that has come to stay
will also be included in the order, and
will be a benefit worth joining for.

On Friday night a delegation went to
Franklin to assist the Grand Officers to
institute and install Progress Lodge,
which was a very interesting affair.
The new lodge started off with twenty
charter members, and with a good
promise for more.

Why is this fraternal insurance order
so silently, yet so surely and steadily
growing larger? Because it is a sure
aid to the widow and fatherless—the
parent of all modern sound and success-
ful fraternal insurance organizations.

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ganized, it has paid out in death-benefits
alone to June 15, 1891, the sum of \$34-
366,034.26, and last year the cost of
paying out the several millions which
it did, was only 1 cent and 6 mills,
while the cost of all the insurance in
New York last year was 78 cents on every
dollar paid in death claims.

The Knights of Honor challenge the
world for safety, economical manage-
ment and security.

The working man that loves his
family should look into this thing.

A WORKING MAN.

BLOOMFIELD, August 19

A New Drum Corps.

Eleven members of the W. S. Pierson
Fire and Drum Corps have seceded from
that organization and formed a new
corps with headquarters at the G. A. R.
rooms on Glenwood Avenue. They will
hold a meeting for the election of officers
next Thursday evening. New uniforms
will be secured, and everything will be
done to make it one of the leading
organizations of that kind in the State.
As they have the original members of
the corps with them and the sanction of
the Post, they will have the exclusive
right to the old name. The following
are the names of the reorganizers: Fred
J. Hall, Robert Boyd, James Paxton, J.
R. Bruett, Edward Sherwood, W. J.
Rabb, Jr., Joseph Schaup, Louis Schaup,
Robert Ferguson, Joseph A. Dodd, and
Gilbert Smith.

Lake Hopateong.

Two weeks from next Monday the
Trunk Company's excursion to Lake Ho-
pateong will take place. The day will
be a legal holiday, and the excursion
should be well attended. The beauties
of Hopateong are well known to Bloom-
fielders, and as the excursion will be
first-class in every respect, those of our
townsmen who have not yet secured
tickets should do so at once.

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The Higher Criticism and Archæology.

We are troubled at present with the
assertions and demands of the higher
criticism as applied to the inspired
Scriptures. The conclusions and theo-
ries of the higher criticism are contain-
ed in ponderous tomes and dissertations,
full of the sordid apparatus of learn-
ing; but the substance of these reaches
the unlearned multitude through the
newspapers and monthly magazines.

The effort of the higher criticism is to
prove that the several books of the Old
and New Testaments are of dubious au-
thenticity and of late date. We have
never yet heard that the masters of the
higher criticism started out to prove
that any book of the Bible that is gen-
erally accepted by the church ought to
be so accepted. When the higher criti-
cism has got done with such a book, and
has been unable to disprove its authen-
ticity, we may be certain that no thanks
are due to the higher criticism, except
in a negative way, that the Church's
testimony in regard to the book has
been found impregnable. We have
never heard of the garrison of a fortress
unsuccessfully assaulted returning a
vote of thanks to the enemy, because he
had demonstrated that the fortress
could not be taken.

But every disease and every evil has
its cure. And the remedy is often close
to the disease. In our day the researches
of archæologists in Egypt, Palestine,
Babylonia and Assyria, have furnished
many valuable facts to upset the fine
spun theories of the masters of the
higher criticism. There is a sort of
irony in the situation, too, that impresses
the average observer. Some disci-
ple of the higher criticism tries to shut
us up to one of his theories, and in the
meantime a stone is dug up in Egypt or
Palestine, or the site of some ancient
temple or city is uncovered, whose in-
scriptions entirely disprove the care-
fully formulated conclusions of the critic.
Some critic asserts that it is improbable
that the writings of Moses, and especial-
ly the Book of Genesis, could have been
carefully preserved in writing from
Moses to Ezra, and of the Egyptologist
has proven conclusively that the Egyptian
Book of the Dead existed before the
XVIIIth Dynasty, long before Moses' day,
and that this text had been scrupulously
copied. In an interesting article in
the January number of *Biblia*, on
"The Preservation of Sacred Texts be-
fore Moses' Day," we find that several
texts of the Book of the Dead have been
found, which must have been derived
from independent sources, yet all agree
as accurately as the existing MSS. of the
Greek New Testament.

"These monumental proofs of the care
of ancients for their important texts,"
says *Biblia*, "reveal the proportions of one
of the fundamental assumptions of the
higher historical criticisms of the Bible
that before 600-400 B. C. men cared little
for, and took the greatest liberties with,
their sacred texts. But the monuments
prove just the contrary; that the early
copyists having, from the nature of
their language and of the texts to be
copied, a more difficult task before them
than Hebrew or Greek copyists, showed
a faithfulness that does not suffer in
comparison with that of the Jews and
Christians. On this point the masters
of Egyptology agree. Maspero says:
'Most of the sacred books were com-
posed before Moses (first dynasty) and
have come down to us without many inter-
polations.' To the same effect the article
referred to quotes Dr. Brugsch and
Professor Erman.

Now it seems to us that if texts which
were composed as early as 2000 B. C.
were carefully preserved and scrupulously
copied until within three centuries of
the Christian era, the attempts of the
higher criticism to discredit the Mosaic
authorship of the Pentateuch, and to re-
fer their composition to Ezra and those
who succeeded him, are not worthy of
consideration in the face of the facts
which archæology has brought to light.

The above is only one out of many in-
stances in which the theories of the
critic have been put to rout by the
spade and pick, and the insight of the
archæologist. Such enterprises as the
Egypt Exploration Fund and the Palesti-
ne Exploration Fund, deserve the heart-
iest moral and financial support of all
intelligent Christians. The spade of the
archæologist is likely to furnish mightier

arguments against the destructive criti-
cism than the pen of the ready writer.
Ven. F. W. Taylor, S. T. D., *The Doctor
of Springfield, in Biblia*.

His Arms Torn Off.

A boy eighteen years old had his
arms torn off by the wheels of a freight
train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at
the Chestnut Street station in New
Tuesday afternoon. He was stealing
ride on the train and fell between the
cars in jumping off. He refused to let
his name be given.

May Take a Header.

In a recent sermon the Rev. M.
Leavell of Chicago said: "Bicycles may
be useful in their place, but I know
many a young man's riding to hell on
bicycle on Sunday."

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